

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-49 were pending in the application.

Claims 1-3, 11, 15, 19, 20, 26, 28, 29, 36, 38-41 and 48 were rejected by the office action. The office action allowed claim 49 and indicated that claims 4-10, 12-14, 21-25, 27, 30-35, and 42-47 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

This response has amended claims 4, 12, 16, 21, 27, 30, 33, 37, 42, and 45 to be in independent form and has amended claims 2, 3, 11, 15, 19, 26, 38, 39, 43 and 48 to be dependent upon one of these allowable independent claims. Claims 1, 20, 28, 29, 36, 40 and 41 have been cancelled. The remaining claims were already dependent upon one of the allowable base claims.

Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests that all of the remaining claims are now in condition for allowance. Should the examiner disagree, the applicant respectfully requests a telephone contact with applicant's attorney Rex A. Donnelly (302) 778-3460 to resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,


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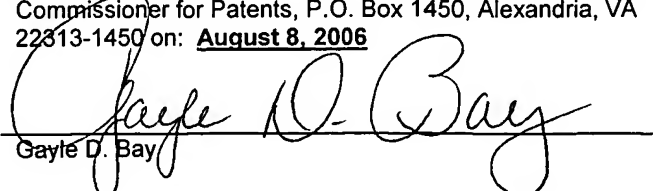
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